

*Royalston Historic District Commission*  
*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2011

Attendees: Peter (chair), Bob, Ken, Pierre (secretary), Rick (late). All were active voters.

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Minutes

The members had all read the minutes of the April meeting. Bob motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ken seconded. All voted in favor.

Old applications

Kevin McGuirk presented several applications on behalf of Dwight Stowell.

- 1) 2011-04-01 Reroofing of the barn and milk shed at 18 on the common.  
Pierre reported that notices had been sent to the abutters on May 2, 2011 and no request for a public hearing had been received. The feeling of the commission was that this was a routine matter. Ken made a motion to accept the application and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor.
- 2) 2011-04-02 Adding a layer of siding to the barn at 18 on the Common. This application has been withdrawn.
- 3) 2011-04-03 Changing the window sash color at 2 Warwick Road from white to black.  
Pierre reported that notices had been sent to the abutters on May 2, 2011 and no request for a public hearing had been received. Given the evidence presented the commission felt this change was acceptable. Ken made a motion to accept the application and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor.

Pierre then presented the application 2011-04-04 to enlarge the door to the storage area under the South deck at 4 on the Common.

Pierre reported that notices had been sent to the abutters on April 26, 2011 and no request for a public hearing had been received. The commission felt that this was a minor change. Bob made a motion to accept the application and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who recused himself.

Internal matters

The commission felt that e-mail addresses and telephone numbers should be blanked on the copy of the application that is posted on the web site. Pierre said he would fix that.

New applications

Kevin McGuirk presented an application on behalf of Dwight Stowell to replace the wood shed at 2 Warwick road with a larger (2 ft longer, same width and height) but similar structure, with 3 added windows and a new chimney.

Considerable time was spent going over the application, checking the details and pointing out items that should be better documented.

Pierre made a motion to accept the application for consideration after a public hearing. Ken seconded. All voted in favor. The application was assigned number 2011-05-01.

Old business

Historic District boundary signs: Rick reported he went to the manufacturer soon after the April meeting to request a jpeg model. However none was provided so far. Rick will try again.

Satellite dish at the parsonage (3 on the Common): The dish was relocated close to the South edge of the West side of the main roof. Direct TV personnel said they were not allowed anymore to go on roofs, so it could no be placed more toward the North. The commission thanked Ken and Rick for handling this matter. Pierre will send a letter of thanks to the Pastor, politely asking that the post be removed as well.

Planting near the Verizon equipment: Some discussion took place about the best species.

Rhododendrons were mentioned. Pierre said that Celt had volunteered to help as he was taking a class on the subject..

Meeting adjourned

Bob motioned to close the meeting, Rick seconded. Peter adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet".

Pierre A. Humblet,  
Secretary